

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLAIM PATERNITY

INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION:

- 1) Carefully read the information provided on the reverse of this form. The information provided is not designed to be legal advice. Questions concerning paternity, presumptions of paternity, or rights and responsibilities of a parent should be directed to an attorney.
- 2) Please type or print neatly.
- 3) All information in Part 1 concerning the father are required. Do not leave any of these items blank.
- 4) Complete Part 2 and Part 3 to the best of your ability. If an item is unknown, leave the space blank.
- 5) The child's name, date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name are very critical to linking this Notice of Intent to Claim Paternity with an actual child. The more complete the information you provide, the more effective the paternity registry can be.

Part 1 MAN'S INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN PATERNITY REGISTRY

1. FULL NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST	2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	3. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER STATE NUMBER	
4. RESIDENCE ADDRESS STREET NAME & NUMBER	CITY	STATE	ZIP
5. MAILING ADDRESS STREET NAME & NUMBER	CITY	STATE	ZIP

Part 2 CHILD'S INFORMATION

6. FULL NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST	7a. DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YYYY	7b. EXPECTED DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YYYY	8. SEX
9a. PLACE OF BIRTH (HOSPITAL NAME)	9b. CITY OF BIRTH	9c. COUNTY OF BIRTH	9d. STATE OF BIRTH

Part 3 MOTHER'S INFORMATION

10. FULL NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST	MAIDEN	11. DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YYYY
12. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	13. DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER STATE NUMBER	
14. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STREET NAME & NUMBER	CITY	STATE ZIP

It is my belief that I am the father of the above child and wish to assert my rights as the father. I understand my name and information will be included in the paternity registry maintained by the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Texas Department of Health.

SIGNATURE OF MAN

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on _____ (date) by _____ (name).

Signature of Notary Public

[SEAL]

My commission expires: _____

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ACTUAL NAME OF CHILD _____

☐ NOTICE SENT TO MOTHER

DOB _____ STATE FILE # _____

☐ DENIAL RECEIVED

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLAIM PATERNITY

Background and Purpose

HB1091, 75th Legislative Session amended Section 160, Texas Family Code, creating a Paternity Registry in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Texas Department of Health. The purpose of the registry is to permit a man alleging to be the biological father of a child to assert his parentage, independent of the mother, and preserve his rights as a parent. This registry also may expedite adoptions of children whose biological fathers are unwilling to assume responsibility of their child.

A man is not required to register with the paternity registry if he is presumed to be the biological father. Presumptions under the Family Code include:

- 1) man and biological mother are married to each other and the child was born during wedlock or within 300 days after the marriage was terminated;
- 2) before the birth of the child, man and biological mother attempted to marry in compliance with law but the marriage is or was void and the child was born within 300 days of when the attempted marriage terminated;
- 3) after the birth, the man and biological mother married or attempted to marry and
 - a) man filed a written declaration of paternity
 - b) consents to be named and is named as father on the child's birth certificate
 - c) is obligated to support the child by written promise or court order; or
- 4) without marrying the mother the man consents to be named on the child's birth certificate.

Information

- This notice of intent to claim paternity must be filed before or within 30 days of the child's birth.
- The mother has 30 days from date of notice to file a denial of paternity claim; however, this denial does not alter a man's rights or alter his claim of paternity.
- The information in this form is admissible in court proceedings.
- A man who fails to file a notice of intent to claim paternity before the 30th day after the date of birth of the child may not assert an interest in the child other than by filing a suit to establish paternity before the termination of a man's paternal rights.
- A man who files a notice of intent to claim paternity must notify the registry in writing of any change in information including a change of address.
- A man may rescind the notice of intent at any time by sending the registry a written statement signed and notarized either stating to the best of the man's knowledge and belief that he is not the father or that a court has adjudicated another person to be the father of the child.
- The registry address:

Paternity Registry
Bureau of Vital Statistics
Texas Department of Health
1100 West 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756-3191
(512) 458-7368
- Information in the registry is confidential and may only be released to certain individuals or entities.